

The Saltire



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Saltire is a bi-monthly newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Through feature stories, photographs and updates on events past and future, *The Saltire* provides a window into the vibrant life of our parish family. Historically, a "saltire" is the X-shaped cross associated with St. Andrew. For us, as for him, it is a symbol of faith and life!

A CELEBRATION OF 10 YEARS OF ROHRS

By Eddie Brown, Senior Warden



In early 2009, a search committee began looking for a new rector for St. Andrew's. After an incredible 25 years with the Rev. Charles Joy, we had become accustomed to knowing a superior priest as our friend and celebrant. We could only pray that we would be so fortunate as to find another rector with comparable capabilities.

When the committee learned that a promising young priest in Raleigh, North Carolina, was interested, they had to investigate. When they listened to John Rohrs speak and share his faith, and especially as they had the chance to get to know him better, they knew he was the one. Even better, his wife, Andie, was an extraordinary Episcopal priest in her own right! How were we to attract such a "dream team" to St. Andrew's?

From the beginning, the committee formulated a detailed parish profile to help us identify where we were as a church and to help communicate to a prospective candidate how we viewed ourselves.

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BACK TO SCHOOL WITH ST. ANDREW'S

Summer is winding down on the calendar and that means that the children in our community are beginning a new school year. Our congregation has a long history of supporting area youth, and this year we are focusing our back to school attention on celebrating our St. Andrew's children, helping with a literacy support program at our neighborhood elementary school, and continuing our financial support of the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia's Backpack Program.



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(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF ROHRS

After a visit by John and Andie to Norfolk that summer, the committee achieved success. The arrival in September 2009 of John, Andie and little Anna marked the beginning of a new chapter in the life of our church.

Together, we have experienced the expansion of their family (twins Will and Tom born in 2010), the celebration of our church's centennial in 2011 (and the associated capital campaign) and the significant growth and development of our parish and its programs. Under John and Andie's leadership we have blossomed as "A Neighborhood Church with a Heart for the World."

Join us on **Sunday, September 29 at the 10:15 a.m. service** for a special commemoration of this anniversary and the reception to follow in White Hall.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) BACK TO SCHOOL WITH ST. ANDREW'S

Our church's annual *Blessing of Backpacks* will take place during Kickoff Sunday on September 8 during the 10:15 a.m. service. Children, teens, and teachers are invited to the altar steps during the announcements to receive a prayer and a special blessed treat for the new school year. You are welcome to bring your backpack or another item that you take with you to school each day.



As we widen our efforts to our West Ghent neighborhood, we are looking for volunteers from St. Andrew's to help with *Taylor Elementary's Read With Me* literacy program. Designed to assist students in Pre-K through Grade 2, the program pairs volunteers with a child who would benefit from additional reading support. The time commitment is only 30 minutes, once per week. There will be an information and training session in September with the program beginning in October. If you are interested in helping, please email Susan Danchise at shdanchise@gmail.com.

For the past several years, St. Andrew's has financially supported the *Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia's Backpack Program*. This nationally-recognized initiative distributes nutritious food to children at the end of the school day, before weekends and/or school breaks. Bags/backpacks are filled with child-friendly, non-perishable, and easily-consumed food for children to have at home on non-school days. Students are identified by school personnel as being food insecure by a variety of criteria. At present, the Foodbank serves 45 elementary schools in our area, including Taylor Elementary.

We wish all children in our congregation, in our neighborhood, in our community, and everywhere a challenging, enriching, supportive and successful new school year!

Baby on the Way!



Harper Bathel, our Director of Children's and Youth Ministry, is expecting her first child (a girl) in October! We will have a parish-wide celebration for Harper and her husband Brett on **Sunday, September 22** in White Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service. Our St. Andrew's family will be giving Baby Bathel a jogging stroller. To contribute, please send a check made out to the church with "stroller" in the memo line. If you also would like to bring something to the shower, please consider a favorite children's book so that we can help build the little one's library. Contact Andie if you would like to help!

FOR OUR ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN & YOUTH

A NEW Christian Formation Year begins Sunday, September 15 - All are welcome!

By Harper Bathel, Director of Children's and Youth Ministry

September is here, schools are back in session, and a NEW Christian Formation for our kids and teens is beginning! You are invited to join us as we explore our faith and build community.

- **Nursery School is offered for ages 4 and under**, your child will hear the Gospel story for the day, share in an interactive activity, coloring sheet, and free play. Our program will be offered from 9:15–10 a.m. in our Nursery.
- **Our children grades K-5** will explore their faith through learning about our Episcopal roots and exploring a different Bible story each week. These interactive lessons that are Bible focused will include opportunities for singing, prayer, crafts, outreach, cooking, and more. Our program will be offered from 9:15–10 a.m. in the Sunday School wing.
- **Youth (grades 6 – 12):** You are invited to participate in our Adult Forum in the Auditorium or volunteer to work with our nursery, or children's classes from 9:15–10 a.m. Our Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) gathers twice a month from

September to May on Sunday afternoon or evenings for community building, exploring our faith, prayer, and lots of fun! To learn more or volunteer with an offering, please e-mail Harper Bathel.

- **Children's Chapel (ages 4 – grade 5):** You are invited to our offering from 10:15 a.m. – until the Peace. Each week you will learn a Bible story or explore something unique about the Episcopal tradition. Please gather in the Narthex to process in for this program.
- **Children's Choir (grades 2 – 6):** Join Mr. Rigg after our 10:15 a.m. service in the Auditorium for a snack and our music offering. This is a great way to get exposed to reading music, learning church music, and playing instruments!

Would you like to give your time to this incredible ministry? We are looking for teachers, youth leaders, and volunteers for our nursery offering to complete our amazing group of volunteers. Please reach out to Harper Bathel at hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org or 622-5530 to find out more about this fantastic program!

CHILDREN'S CALENDAR: SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

September 8 at 9:15 a.m.

Welcome Back Breakfast & Activities Fair

A Children's Activity at the 10:15 a.m. service and Blessing of Backpacks

September 15 at 9:15 a.m.

First Day of Sunday School

Children's Chapel (ages 4 – 5th grade) during our 10:15 a.m. service – Peace (Narthex)

Children's Choir (grades 2nd – 6th) after the 10:15 a.m. service (Auditorium)



September 22 at 9:15 a.m.

September 29 at 9:15 a.m.

October 6 at 9:15 a.m.

October 13 at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

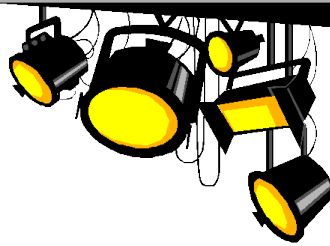
October 20 at 9:15 a.m.

Stewardship Sunday - A Children's Activity in the Children's Center (nursery)

October 27 at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

ST. ANDREW'S SPOTLIGHT



We are thrilled to share the good news and accomplishments of two members of the St. Andrew's family!



Dr. Larry "Chip" Filer Named Norfolk City Manager

In early August, Mayor Kenneth Alexander announced that ODU Associate Vice President and St. Andrew's parishioner Chip Filer has been selected to serve as Norfolk's 16th City Manager.

Chip currently serves as the Associate Vice President for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development for Old Dominion University, part of a 20-year career at ODU that included service as chair of the university's economics department and director of its MBA program. As an associate vice president at ODU, he led the creation of the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, which consolidated entrepreneurial efforts and aided the university in capitalizing tens of millions of dollars in high-tech and medical research.

Congratulations, Chip! Our City is lucky to have you at the helm!



Dr. Emily Goodman-Scott Serves as Lead Editor on New Book

Congratulations are in order for parishioner Emily Goodman-Scott who served as lead editor for the recently published "A School Counselor's Guide to Multi-Tiered Systems of Support" from Routledge Publishers. According to the publisher, it is the first book to provide school counseling practitioners, students, and faculty with information and resources regarding the alignment and

implementation of Comprehensive School Counseling Programs (CSCPs).

Emily is an Associate Professor, Graduate Program Director, and School Counseling Coordinator at ODU. She previously worked as a school counselor, special education teacher, and in several mental health settings counseling youth.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Kickoff Sunday

September 8 at 9 a.m., White Hall

2 or 3 Fellowship

September 11 at 7 p.m.
Home of Andie Rohrs

Sunday School/Adult Forum Begins

September 15 at 9:15 a.m.

Vestry Meeting

September 16 at 6:30 p.m., White Hall

Women of the Way

September 18 at 6 p.m.
Home of Joyce Swindell
Harbor's Edge, Apt. 1214

Laundry Love

September 19 at 5:30 p.m.
Soaps N Suds, Colley Ave.

Bishop Election

September 21, Dinwiddie, VA

Cook-In

September 22 at 8 a.m., Kitchen

Blessing of the Animals

October 6 at 5 p.m.

Quarterly Ministry Night

October 7 at 6 p.m., White Hall

WSA Book, Bake & Holiday Boutique

October 12 at 9 a.m., White Hall

Choral Evensong

October 13 at 5 p.m., Church

Laundry Love

October 17 at 5:30 p.m.
Soaps N Suds, Colley Ave.

Stewardship Sunday

October 20

Vestry Meeting

October 21 at 6:30 p.m., White Hall

Sandwich Ministry

October 25, Sandwiches due at noon

YOUTH CORNER

OPEN TO GRADES 6-12



Welcome to our new 6th graders - we are thrilled to have you as part of our community!

EYC Kickoff: Are You Ready to Escape? **Sunday, September 15, 4 – 7:30 p.m.**

Join us for a fun night of community building as we ESCAPE from an escape room. We will enjoy a Mexican dinner, a time of fellowship, prayer, and lots of fun. Cost is \$10. Friends are welcome! Please R.S.V.P. to Harper.

EYC Mission Project & Fellowship **Sunday, September 29, 5 – 7 p.m.**

Join us for a progressive dinner hosted by the Rippel and Ballard families. This will be a great night of fellowship, prayer, games, and more. The main course will be provided. Friends are welcome.

EYC Fall Fun Fest **Sunday, October 6, 12 – 2:30 p.m.**

Join us for an afternoon where we will share in a mission project and have some Fall Fest Fun as we play games, watch a fall movie, enjoy our favorite fall foods, and more. Friends are welcome. Bring your favorite Fall snack to share.

EYC Goes to Glow in the Dark Putt-Putt! **Sunday, October 20, 12 – 3 p.m.**

Join us for lunch and play glow in the dark putt-putt. Friends are welcome. Please R.S.V.P. to Harper. Drop off and pick up will be at St. Andrew's.

AND... Mark your calendar for the Diocesan Youth Faith Weekends at Chanco!

November 8-10 – Happening #71 for grades 10-12

November 22-24 – November Weekend for grades 6-12

Contact Harper Bathel with questions and to R.S.V.P. for an event, hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org or 757-622-5530. I am looking forward to an amazing year as we build community, share in mission projects, explore and grow in our faiths, and of course, have a lot of fun!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWCOMERS!

Please welcome our newcomers and help them feel at home. Remember to please wear your nametags during coffee hour so that we can all get to know one another better and build community.

Robin and Ken Brady

Leslie Cullinan

Barbara and Carleton Foster

Karen and Nicole Glover

Ashley and Tyler Hall

Rachel Love and Jessica McKinney

(Isaac)

(Charlotte, Maylee, and Bentley)

Jessica and Rob Sullivan

Whitney and Nick Szoke

(Jack)

(Hudson)

LET'S MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC!

JOIN THE ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

As parents, we should recognize music will prove to be one of the largest influences in a child's life. As such a strong teaching tool, music is an important means of learning to incorporate our Christian values into our soul. The Episcopal Church has a long and important history of music. Hans Christian Anderson wrote, "Where words fail, music speaks." While we need singers in the Children's Choir, the children more importantly need the musical connection to our Christian values offered by this choral experience.



The Children's Choir is an important part of the music ministry of St. Andrew's. Children from grade 2 (if a strong reader) through grade 6 learn important skills and grow spiritually through music, practicing weekly immediately after the 10:15 a.m. liturgy (approximately 11:30 to noon) in the auditorium. Coordinating with other ensembles in St. Andrew's Music Ministry, the Children's Choir shares their musical offerings with the congregation at various times through the year.

"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us." -Martin Luther

Our first practice for this Fall will be September 15. I hope all parents will plan to have their child be a part of the music and fun as we learn about this crucial part of our Christian faith through a variety of musical activities and experiences. We already have several exciting plans in the works for our young musicians as they benefit from all music has to offer, such as development of reading comprehension, communication skills, social skills, math skills, positive work ethic, and more.

For more information about St. Andrew's Children's Choir, please contact Richard Rigg, Associate Director of Music Ministry, at: rrigg@standrewsnorfolk.org or 487-3655.

PARISH PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Births

Madeline "Maddie" Kelley Tintle

Born Tuesday, July 9, to parents Caitlin and Kieran Tintle, and grandparents Karen and Doug Mitchell.

Deaths

Fred T. Glass, father of Jon Glass, father-in-law of Elizabeth Evans, and grandfather of Isabel and Stella Glass, passed away on Sunday, June 14.

David Hobbs Melton, father of Jan Melton, passed away on Monday, July 1.

Wilson Brown Dodson II, father of Chip Dodson, father-in-law of Ann Dodson, and grandfather of Jessica Dodson Ackerman and Katie Dodson, passed away on Sunday, August 4.

VESTRY UPDATES

The Vestry did not meet in July but will meet again at the end of August. It will be the final meeting for our outgoing class, which includes Senior Warden Eddie Brown and Junior Warden Drew Anderson. Many thanks to them and to the full 2019 class for their three years of dedicated service. A new Vestry year begins in September as we welcome the incoming class of folks who were elected at our Annual Parish Meeting in May. At that September meeting, we will elect new wardens and assign committee liaisons for the year ahead.

We want to remind all parishioners of the ongoing process to elect a new Bishop in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. The election is scheduled for Saturday, September 26 in Dinwiddie, Va. Your clergy and lay delegates will represent you in casting their votes. Anyone and everyone is welcome to participate in the discernment process, however, and we welcome your input.

The bishop candidates will be taking part in a series of public forums, and the nearest one to us is scheduled for Friday, September 6 at 7 p.m. at Galilee Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach. Again, everyone is welcome.

WSA BOOK, BAKE AND HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE SALE OCTOBER 12!

Mark your calendars! The Women of St. Andrew's will host its annual Book, Bake and Holiday Boutique (B3) Sale on Saturday, October 12. The event will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and there are many ways you can help us make it a great success!



Book Sale - A list of books, stationary and craft items that can be donated is available on the website, www.standrewsnorfolk.org.

Bake Sale - In the coming weeks, sign-up sheets will be posted in the hallway outside the Parish Office to pre-order bake sale items such as quiches, breads and pies. Volunteer sign-up sheets will also be posted for those who are able to help with all the cooking and dates will be announced in early September.

Please come shop! We'll have books, of course, and all sorts items for gifts. Remember that all profits from the sale will go to supporting the grants of the WSA, many of which are aimed at youth and other outreach programs.

ST. ANDREW'S IS A HOME FOR EVERYONE

We are proud to be recognized by The Hampton Roads Faith Inclusion Network and by Churchclarity.org as a parish that welcomes ALL people to worship at St. Andrew's.

Earlier this summer, St. Andrew's became a member parish of The Faith Inclusion Network (FIN) of South Hampton Roads. FIN is a non-profit, grass roots organization dedicated to helping faith communities develop inclusive ministries for people with disabilities and helping families affected by disability to find welcoming and accessible places to worship in South Hampton Roads.

Church Clarity is a crowd-sourced database of Christian congregations scored by a team of volunteers based on how easy it is to find a church's Actively Enforced Policy online. They currently evaluate church websites for policies that impact LBGTQ+ people and women in leadership. St. Andrew's is listed as a "Verified Clear." Clear scores are given to churches whose policies can be easily found on their websites' primary pages, and the language in the policies is clear and contains all necessary information.



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a heart for the world.*

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St. Andrew's Mission Statement

*St. Andrew's is a vibrant,
inclusive parish, formed in the
fellowship of Christ.*

*We strive to be a place of
hope for all people, to reach
beyond ourselves,*

*and to manifest God's love in
the world.*

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